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Price River Resource Area
P. O. Drawer AB
Price, Utah 84501

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May 22, 1981

James W. Smith, Jr.
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Utah Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

Plans of Operations have been filed by Atlas Minerals for their Snow and Probe Mines and associated exploration in accordance with our 43 CFR 3809 regulations. For such operations, we normally would require bonds to ensure reclamation at the time of mine abandonment. However, since the State currently has a contract bond with Atlas Minerals, additional bonds would be duplicative. Therefore, we request that this office be consulted by the State prior to release of the Atlas Mineral bond to negate the need for the bond under Federal regulations.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Don E. Bugger
Area Manager